

APPENDIX C

METHYL BROMIDE RESIDUES IN FUMIGATED COMMODITIES

The half-lives of methyl bromide residues in commodities after post-harvest fumigation

| Commodities | rate (lbs/1000 ft ³) | Fumigation time /temperature | When samples were collected for analysis ^a | Analysis Method ^b | Initial residue level ^c | Half-life ^d | References |
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| Fresh Fruits | | | | | | | |
| Apple | 5 | 2 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 6.8 ppm | 19 hrs | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Avocado (ripe, Fuerte var.) | 2 | 2 hrs/20EC | after 30 min aeration, during 0 to 5 days of storage | F | 7.2 ppm | 4.6 hrs | Singh <i>et al.</i> , 1982 |
| Avocado (ripe, Fuerte var.) | 2 | 4 hrs/20EC | after 30 min aeration, during 0 to 5 days of storage | F | 7.5 ppm | 5.2 hrs | Singh <i>et al.</i> , 1982 |
| Blueberry | 3 | 3 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 3.8 ppm | 15.6 hrs | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Blueberry | 2 | 3.5 hrs/16.6EC | during aeration (1-24 hrs) | A | 50.8 ppm | 1.6 hrs | IR-4, 1983 |
| Blueberry | 2 | 2 hrs/27.2EC | during aeration (1-24 hrs) | A | 26.6 ppm | 0.8 hrs | IR-4, 1983 |
| Cherry | 3 | 2 hrs/21EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 48 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 18.1 ppm | 4.7 hrs | Tebbetts <i>et al.</i> , 1983 |
| Cherry | 2 | 4 hrs/21EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 48 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 14.0 ppm | 4.9 hrs | Tebbetts <i>et al.</i> , 1983 |
| Grape | 4 | 2.5 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 3.3 ppm | 23.5 hrs | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Grapefruit | 3 | 3 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 4.4 ppm | 2.5 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Grapefruit | 2 | 2 hrs | after 15 min aeration, during 2 to 48 hrs of storage at 24 EC | B | 9.0 ppm | 8.7 hrs | King <i>et al.</i> , 1981 |
| Lemon | 2.7 | 2 hrs/20EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 hrs to 31 days of storage | B | 4.9 ppm | 3.3 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1989 |
| Lemon | 3 | 3 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 5.0 ppm | 1.8 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Mango | 1 | 2 hrs/20EC | after 5 min aeration, during 0.17 to 3 hrs storage in fume hood with fan on (24.4 m/min face velocity) | B | 4.7 ppm (peel) 2.2 ppm (pulp) | 0.3 hrs (peel) 0.4 hrs (pulp) | Stein and Wolfenbarger, 1989 |

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| Mango | 4 | 2 hrs/20EC | after 5 min aeration, during 0.17 to 3 hrs storage in fume hood with fan on (24.4 m/min face velocity) | B | 21.2 ppm (peel) 20.6 ppm (pulp) | 1.8 hrs (peel) 2.4 hrs (pulp) | Stein and Wolfenbarger, 1989 |
| Nectarine | 3 | 2 hrs/21EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 48 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 24.4 ppm | 3.1 hrs | Tebbets <i>et al.</i> , 1983 |
| Nectarine | 2 | 4 hrs/21EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 48 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 24.8 ppm | 3.0 hrs | Tebbets <i>et al.</i> , 1983 |
| Nectarine | 2 | 2 hrs/15.5EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 168 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 13.8 ppm | 18.9 hrs | Harvey <i>et al.</i> , 1982 |
| Nectarine | 4 | 2 hrs/15.5EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 168 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 26.7 ppm | 17.0 hrs | Harvey <i>et al.</i> , 1982 |
| Orange | 3 | 3 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 4.7 ppm | 2.4 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Peach | 5 | 2 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 2.2 ppm | 15.8 hrs | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Peach | 3 | 2 hrs/21EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 24 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 24.4 ppm | 2.5 hrs | Tebbets <i>et al.</i> , 1983 |
| Peach | 2 | 4 hrs/21EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 24 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 15.8 ppm | 2.7 hrs | Tebbets <i>et al.</i> , 1983 |
| Peach | 2 | 2 hrs/15.5EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 168 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 18.4 ppm | 18 hrs | Harvey <i>et al.</i> , 1982 |
| Peach | 4 | 2 hrs/15.5EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 168 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 37.6 ppm | 17.5 hrs | Harvey <i>et al.</i> , 1982 |
| Pear | 5 | 2 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 10 ppm | 22 hrs | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Pear | 3 | 2 hrs/21EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 48 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 44.0 ppm | 8.4 hrs | Tebbets <i>et al.</i> , 1983 |
| Pear | 2 | 4 hrs/21EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 48 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 58.1 ppm | 7.1 hrs | Tebbets <i>et al.</i> , 1983 |
| Plum | 4 | 2.5 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 6.3 ppm | 21.8 hrs | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |

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| Plum | 3 | 2 hrs/21EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 48 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 34.2 ppm | 12.5 hrs | Tebbets <i>et al.</i> , 1983 |
| Plum | 2 | 4 hrs/21EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 48 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 30.4 ppm | 13.9 hrs | Tebbets <i>et al.</i> , 1983 |
| Plum | 2 | 2 hrs/15.5EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 168 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 18.0 ppm | 17.7 hrs | Harvey <i>et al.</i> , 1982 |
| Plum | 4 | 2 hrs/15.5EC | after 2 hrs aeration, during 2 to 168 hrs of storage at 2.5EC | B | 26.7 ppm | 17.8 hrs | Harvey <i>et al.</i> , 1982 |
| Raspberry | 3 | 3 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 0.28 ppm | 1.5 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Strawberry | 3 | 3 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 0.32 ppm | 1.6 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Strawberry | 3 | 2 hrs | during 1 to 24 hrs aeration at 0EC | C | 60 ppm (Tioga) 44.2 ppm (Tuft) | 1 hr (Tioga) 2 hrs (Tuft) | IR-4, 1982 |
| Strawberry | 3 | 3 hrs | after 45 min aeration, during 0-24 hrs of storage | B | 7.1 ppm | 2.0 hrs | MBIP, 1984b |
| Strawberry | 3 | 3 hrs | during 0.75 to 3 hrs aeration | B | 9.0 ppm | 0.4 hrs | MBIP, 1984b |
| <u>Vegetables and Herbs</u> | | | | | | | |
| Basil | 3 | 12 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 2.2 ppm | 1.7 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Bean-dry | 3.5 | 24 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 0.77 ppm | 9.2 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Broccoli | 3 | 3 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 0.004 ppm | 3.1 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Carrot | 3 | 6 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 2.0 ppm | 21.7 hrs | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Chive | 3 | 12 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 0.13 ppm | 1.7 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Corn | 3 | 24 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 3.4 ppm | 5.4 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |

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| Cucumber | 3 | 4 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 0.34 ppm | 2.0 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Dill | 3 | 12 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 1.9 ppm | 1.5 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Garlic | 3 | 3 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 0.16 ppm | 1.4 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Melon | 3 | 3 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 2.9 ppm | 1.6 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Pea-dry | 2 | 24 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 0.29 ppm | 7 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Potato | 3 | 6 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 1.2 ppm | 1.2 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Sage | 3 | 12 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 2.5 ppm | 2.1 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Soy bean | 2 | 24 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 0.32 ppm | 5.4 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Sugar beet | 3 | 4 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 0.61 ppm | 1.0 day | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Tomato | 3 | 4 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 1.8 ppm | 1.3 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Dried Fruits | | | | | | | |
| Date (bulk, non-pitted) | 1.5 | 24 hrs/10EC | after 24 hrs aeration, during 1 to 9 days of storage | B | 1.5 ppm | 2.0 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1989 |
| Date (packaged, pitted) | 1.5 | 24 hrs/10EC | after 24 hrs aeration, during 1 to 9 days of storage | B | 3.0 ppm | 2.2 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1989 |
| Dried Apricot (bulk) | 1.5 | 24 hrs/10EC | after 24 hrs aeration, during 1 to 6 days of storage | B | 2.4 ppm | 1.2 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1989 |
| Dried Apricot (packaged) | 1.5 | 24 hrs/10EC | after 24 hrs aeration, during 1 to 13 days of storage | B | 5.4 ppm | 2.7 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1989 |
| Fig | 1.5 | 24 hrs/10EC | after 24 hrs aeration, during 1 to 13 days of storage | B | 3.4 ppm | 2.1 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1989 |

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| Prune (bulk) | 1.5 | 24 hrs/10EC | after 24 hrs aeration, during 1 to 6 days of storage | B | 3.3 ppm | 1.6 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1989 |
| Prune (packaged) | 1.5 | 24 hrs/10EC | after 24 hrs aeration, during 1 to 9 days of storage | B | 4.2 ppm | 2.0 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1989 |
| Raisin (bulk) | 1.5 | 59.5 hrs/13-14EC | after 8 hrs aeration, during 1 to 8 days of storage | B | 4.5 ppm | 1.6 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1989 |
| Raisin (packaged with liner) | 1.5 | 24 hrs/10EC | during 1 to 13 days of storage | B | 1.8 ppm | 4.3 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1989 |
| Raisin (bulk) | 1.5 | 24 hrs/10EC | during 1 to 8 days of storage | B | 2.2 ppm | 3.3 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1989 |
| Nuts and Beans | | | | | | | |
| Almond | 1 | 12 hrs/10EC | during 4 to 72 hrs of aeration with the first 8 hrs aeration with a fan, and then the door was left open | B | 9 ppm (kernel) 28 ppm (shell) | 1.5 days (kernel) 12.6 hrs (shell) | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1983 |
| Cocoa bean | 2.2 | 24 hrs | during storage at 1 to 17 days at ambient temperature | D | 1.7 ppm | 4.2 days | Schumacher, 1985 |
| Cocoa bean | 8.7 | 20 hrs/15EC | during "airing" 0 to 72 hrs | E | 22.9 ppm | 1.8 days | Fairall and Scudamore, 1980 |
| Pecan | 3.5 | 24 hrs/10EC | after 24 hrs of aeration, during 1 to 8 days of storage | B | 3.4 ppm | 2.1 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1989 |
| Pistachio nut | 2 | 24 hrs/15.5EC | after 24 hrs of aeration, during 1 to 13 days of storage at 15.5EC | B | 28.9 ppm | 1.9 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1986 |
| Pistachio nut | 1.5 | 24 hrs/26.6EC | after 24 hrs of aeration, during 1 to 13 days of storage at 26.6EC | B | 10.1 ppm | 2.2 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1986 |
| Pistachio nut | 2.5 | 24 hrs/26.7EC | after 24 hrs of aeration to 120 hrs of storage | B | 14.9 ppm | 1.6 days | MBIP, 1985b |
| Walnut (inshell)-small scale trial | 3.5 | 4 hrs/15.5EC | after aeration, during 4 hrs to 13 days of storage under ambient conditions 14-24EC | B | 53.8 ppm | 1.7 days | Nelson <i>et al.</i> , 1984 |
| Walnut (inshell)-large scale trial | 3.5 | 4 hrs/15.5EC | after 4 hrs of aeration, during 0 to 21 days of storage at 10EC | B | 74.4 ppm | 4.1 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1984 |
| Walnut (inshell)-large scale trial | 3.5 | 4 hrs/15.5EC | after 4 hrs of aeration, during 0 to 21 days of storage at 32EC | B | 74.4 ppm | 1.2 days | Hartsell <i>et al.</i> , 1984 |

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| Grains | | | | | | | |
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| Maize (white) | 0.45 | 90 hrs/15EC | during "airing" 0 to 48 hrs | E | 18.0 ppm | 14.4 hrs | Fairall and Scudamore, 1980 |
| Oats | 0.45 | 90 hrs/15EC | during "airing" 0 to 48 hrs | E | 18.8 ppm | 14.8 hrs | Fairall and Scudamore, 1980 |
| Rice | 3 | 24 hrs | after 18 hrs aeration, during 1 to 7 days of storage | B | 0.41 ppm | 9.2 days | MBIP, 1985a; Hazel, 1988 |
| Rice | 0.45 | 90 hrs/15EC | during "airing" 0 to 7 hrs | E | 8.7 ppm | 3.8 hrs | Fairall and Scudamore, 1980 |
| Wheat | 1.5 | 24 hrs/21EC | after aeration of 4 hrs, during 0 to 24 hrs of storage | B | 91.3 ppb | 19.5 hrs | CMA, 1984 |
| Wheat | 8.7 | 20 hrs/15EC | during "airing" 0 to 72 hrs | E | 27.6 ppm | 24.8 hrs | Fairall and Scudamore, 1980 |

- ^a When indicated as aeration, a high velocity fan or blower was used to enhance the off-gassing of methyl bromide from the commodity. During storage, a fan of lower velocity or none was used to circulate the air. "Airing" conditions were not specified in the data reported by Fairall and Scudamore, 1980.
- ^b Analysis Methods were: A. not specified; B. head-space method by King *et al.*, 1981; C. partition with methylene chloride, Heuser and Scudamore, 1970; D. hexane volatile trap reflux; and E. partition with acetone/pentane.
- ^c Initial residue level was the residue level at the earliest sampling time.